

# PLAN TO THWART AN ALLEGED PLOT

Executive Board of Negro Development and Exposition

Declared That It Will Be Effective Answer to Rumors

A meeting of the executive board of the Negro Development and Exposition Company is being held in this city to take action relative to the rumors affecting the management of that institution and to thwart what the board considers a political scheme of certain negroes to secure control of the movement and reap

The committee is preparing a full and complete report to the government commission in charge of arrangements for the negro exposition, which will be an effective answer to the rumors and charges circulated by the alleged enemies of the movement.

The committee consists of the Secretaries of the Treasury, the War and the Navy Departments, and the members of the committee of the exposition company consists of William Isaac Johnson, of this city; the Rev. A. Blum, of Manchester; Professor H. Kolser, of Charlottesville, and Giles H. Jackson, of this city, director

general. This committee has taken cognizance of the injurious rumors affecting

the movement, and will deny every assertion in a statement, supported by vouchers, affidavits and books, showing the sums of money received from and the source, the exhibitors and the purpose of all sums paid out for any purpose whatsoever. It will be shown to the world, as the government officials named are declared to know already from their own records, that Gilles B. Jackson has not received from the government appropriation not received by him as remuneration for his work, without which the movement would never have been undertaken, and could not have been accomplished, until the discouragements and opposition of certain negro leaders, who would be leaders, to discredit and defeat it.

The director-general, Gilles B. Jackson, the originator and successful promoter of the movement, has directed the expenditure of about \$27,000 in necessary expenses in the United States, in canvassing the colored people, and securing and collecting exhibits. One man could not do the enormous work required, and a number of canvassers had to be employed all over the country. The pay-roll is fully \$1,000 a week, and the work is still going on for a long time. As the following has cost \$10,000, and receipts have amounted to no small figure. For all money expended for any purpose reimbursement vouchers are kept, in order that the work may be put on the record because of their honesty.

The executive committee of the exposition company will meet on Wednesday.

overthrow any effort to discredit it. Exhibits of the value of \$250,000 to \$300,000 have been collected by the exposition company and its work is now nearly done.

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**DOOR WAS OPEN.**

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**But Noise Was Caused by Dron-**

A noise like that of an explosion was heard by Officer J. H. Thomas Saturday morning about 2 o'clock, as he was

patrolling his boat. The sound appeared to come from the rear of the store of Herman Schmidt, on Grand between Fifth

Later, in company with Sergeant Matthews, to whom he had reported, he found the rear door of Mr. Schmidt's place open. No one had entered, how-

Had any one entered the store while it was open a large amount of money could have been stolen.

Moss Cunningham, a young negro, was arrested yesterday by Officer Thomas and locked up on the charge of being a suspicious character. He answered the description given to the police by Mrs. Sullivan.

White, who lives at the Mount Vernon, and the negro who snatched a purse from her hand Friday night as she was walking to her home.

The case will come up in Police Court this morning, and it is probable that on account of the indefinite identification of

Cunningham made several conflicting statements to Officer Thomas.

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